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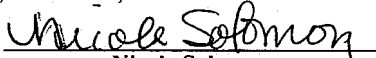
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Dear Sirs:

In view of the telephonic examiner interview held April 2, 2007, please enter this statement of the substance of the interview.

STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

A telephonic interview was held on April 2, 2007 between applicants representatives David Osborne and Scott Smith, and Examiner Fubara and Supervisory Examiner Michael Hartley. During the interview the prior art of record was discussed along with potential claim amendments to the pending claims. The examiner suggested that the claims could be placed in condition for allowance if claim 1 were limited as follows: a) the preamble was limited to a compressed caplet; b) the compressible material element limited to sucrose; c) the lubricating material element limited to magnesium stearate; d) the binder element limited to povidone K30 or plasdone K-29/32. It was also agreed that no limitation to the therapeutic agents would be required and also that the previously withdrawn claims would be reinstated. Applicant's representative indicated that he would consult with his client on the foregoing, and that the above recited amendments could be made by examiner's amendment if deemed acceptable by the client. Further it was agreed that any fees for extension of time would be paid using the applicant's deposit account.

CONCLUSION

If any impediment to the allowance of these claims remains after consideration of the above remarks, and such impediment could be removed during a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone David W. Osborne at (801) 566-6633 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

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Dated this 2nd day of May, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David W. Osborne', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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